Disclosure about nuclear test

1525. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Government's position on the disclosure under performance of thermonuclear tests in 1998 aired publicly by certain well known Indian Scientists;

(b) whether it would not damage our National Security; and

(c) if so, the action Government intends to take against those who have caused grave damage to our National interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) There were reports in the press expressing doubt raised by certain scientists regarding the under performance of the thermo-nuclear test conducted by India in 1998. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) after examining the issue in detail has released a statement confirming achievement of 50 ± 10 KT yield.

(a) No, Sir. There is no doubt about full success of nuclear tests carried out in May, 1998.

(c) In view of the answer to (b) above, this does not arise.

Installation of nuclear plants

†1526. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atomic power plants and names of the places where they have been decided to be set up in the year 2009-10;

(b) the criteria for choosing the places;

(c) the names of the places, company with its country alongwith capacity and kind of reactor to be installed;

(d) their selection authority and criterion for selection;

(e) whether antecedents of these companies have been established;

(f) whether it is a fact that a French company has been awarded contract despite their blemished track record; and

(g) by when these reactors would start generating power by turning critical?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Government has accorded sanction for the construction of four reactors -KAPP-3&4 (2 x 700 MWe) at Kakrapar, Gujarat and RAPP- 7&8 (2x700 MWe) at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan in October, 2009. In addition, 'in principle' approval has been accorded in October, 2009, for sites for more nuclear power plants. The details of the location/ State / Reactor type and capacity are:

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